

Workers in Silk Industry

7040. SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES:
Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of workers in Silk Industry in various States in the country;

(b) wages earned by each category in different States; and

(c) what welfare measures Government have taken to safeguard the interest of the poor workers ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI DHARMA VIR) : (a) A statement giving information regarding the registered silk factories as reported by Labour Bureau, Simla, is attached. The total number of workers in sericulture industry is, however, estimated at 40 lakhs.

(b) Wages earned by workers in the silk factories in each category differ from State to State. As regards sericulturists, most of them, are self-employed;

(c) It is the State Governments or the Administrations concerned which have to adopt welfare measures for the workers in the silk industry in their States as the industry falls in the State sphere.

Statement

The estimated average daily number of workers employed in Silk Industry (in registered factories) during 1979

| Name of the State/Union Territory | No. of estimated workers in | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|-----------|
| | Spinning, weaving and finishing of Silk textiles | Printing, dyeing and bleaching of Silk textiles | Silk and synthetic fibre not elsewhere classified | Total |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 3,472 | 80 | 43 | 3,595 |
| Assam | 258 | .. | .. | 258 |
| Bihar | 653 | 61 | 61 | 714 |
| Gujarat | 2,680 | .. | 93 | 2,773 |
| Haryana | 255 | .. | 478 | 733 |
| Himachal Pradesh, | .. | .. | 41 | 41 |
| Jammu and Kashmir | 2,167 | .. | .. | 2,167 |
| Karnataka | 11,545 | 432 | 450 | 12,427(E) |
| Madhya Pradesh | 435 | 95 | 20 | 550 |
| Maharashtra | 6,236 | 4,482 | 4,511 | 15,229 |
| Orissa | 210 | .. | .. | 210 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Punjab | 73 | 235 | 53 | 361 |
| Rajasthan | 44 | .. | .. | 44 |
| Tamil Nadu | 747 | 9 | 172 | 928 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 286 | .. | 157 | 443(E) |
| West Bengal | 1,135 | 159 | 214 | 1,508 |
| Delhi | 924 | 20 | 40 | 984 |
| Goa, Daman and Diu | 121 | 13 | .. | 134 |
| TOTAL | 31,241 | 5,586 | 6,272 | 43,099 |

The above figures are provisional.

(E) Estimated by repeating the figures of previous year.

Industrial Development of Punjab

7041. SHRI L. S. TUR : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is fact that Punjab is seriously lagging behind in industrial development in relation to other States such as Maharashtra.

(b) if so, in order to ensure a balanced growth of agriculture and industry in Punjab whether Government propose to consider Central Public Sector investment in various suitable Industries such as Telephones, integral coaches, Aeronautical etc. to ensure that Punjab's legitimate interests are safeguarded and also to ensure that it continues to do its share in national interest as the Granary of the country; and

(c) Whether Government would issue necessary guidelines to various public sector industries in this direction to ensure correct, fair and equitable distribution of the public sector Industries and fulfil the natural aspiration of the weaker sections of work force in the States ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN) : (a) No, Sir, Though in absolute volume the industrial output in Punjab is lower than in some other States like Maharashtra, Punjab has witnessed a more rapid growth in industrial development, in terms of percentage of growth of invested capital and industrial output as compared to All India average during the period 1974-75 to 1978-79.

(b) and (c) : Balanced regional development is an accepted policy of the Government. Central investments in public sector enterprises are, however, largely in capital intensive industries in which technoeconomic considerations become paramount in locational decisions. Subject to this, every attempt is made to spread Central investments in public sector enterprises in as equitable a manner as possible. The claims of Punjab for the location of Central Public sector enterprises on which locational decisions are yet to be taken would be duly taken into account.

बिहार में पत्थर खदानों की और कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि की बकाया राशि

7042. श्री विलोक चन्द : क्या श्रम मंत्र: यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार में ऐसे अनेकों पत्थर खदान हैं जिनका सिब्सिडियों ने कर्मचारी भविष्य निधि अंशदान का बकाया राशि का भुगतान नहीं किया है और ही निरीक्षण के प्रयोजन से वहां कोई न अधिकारी नियुक्त किया गया है ; और